WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for annotating a Web-based document, comprising the steps of:

   a. receiving at least one annotation element from a user;

   b. associating the at least one annotation element with the Web-based document; and

   c. rendering a personalized annotated Web-based document as a function of the Web-based document and the associated at least one annotation element.

2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

   d. modifying the Web-based document to allow the association of the at least one annotation element with the Web-based document.

3. The method according to claim 2, wherein step (a) includes the substep of:

   i. preventing the Web-based document from being resized.

4. The method according to claim 3, wherein step (a) further includes the substeps of:

   ii. overlaying an image file on the Web-based document, the image file depicting the at least one annotation element; and

   iii. clipping a plurality of viewable regions of the image file around a pointer of an input device so that an action of the input device may reach the Web-based document.

5. The method according to claim 3, wherein step (a) further includes the substep of:

   ii. associating at least one parameter for rendering an image of the at least one annotation element with the Web-based document.

6. A user computer arrangement for annotating a Web-based document in a Web browser, comprising:

   an input device; and

   a processor receiving at least one annotation element from a user via the input device, the processor associating the at least one annotation element with the Web-based document, the processor rendering a personalized annotated Web-based document as a function of the Web-based document and the associated at least one annotation element.

7. A user computer arrangement according to claim 6, further comprising:

a storage device storing at least one of the Web-based document and the at least one annotation element.

8. A system for annotating a Web-based document, comprising:

a user computer arrangement accessing the Web-based document, the user computer arrangement generating at least one annotation element; and

a server arrangement communicating with the user computer arrangement via a communication network, the server arrangement receiving the at least one annotation element from the user computer arrangement, the server arrangement associating the at least one annotation element with the Web-based document, the server arrangement rendering a personalized annotated Web-based document as a function of the Web-based document and the associated at least one annotation element.

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